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To depart always feels like dying a little—so says a French adage. Perhaps this could be reversed for the occasion: it's those who stay behind that have this gloomy feeling about the departure of Philips Industries.

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One can only hope that, if the search succeeds, the new sponsor will be half as pleasant and undemanding to our erratic soccer hierarchy as the now departing Philips were.

—Andrew Dettre

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—By Paul James

KOUSSAS CAN'T BEAR THINKING OF GOALS

Talking to Mark Koussas you would never believe that this quietly spoken, polite young man can be so aggressive and 'pushy' in the goalmouth and score goals with such an uncanny knack that some have dubbed him Australia's new Denton.

Mike Denton played for St George from 1969 to 1972 and more than a few observers have noted a similarity in the style of the two goal poachers.

Koussas himself finds it a little hard to explain his talent.

"It is something I don't fully understand myself," he said.

"All I know is that whenever I think about how I'm going to hit the ball, or where I want to put it, I invariably muck up the chance.

"But when I let my instincts take over and just react — then it usually goes in. It's pretty strange, really".

Koussas freely admits that his skills are not what they could be, but he doesn't believe it was because of any serious flaws in the coaching he received as a youngster.

"Some players are born with their skills — it's in their blood," he said.

"All they need is a little coaxing and it comes out. Take Peter Katholos for example. He is a classic case of that. I only wish I had his skills. Me? I have to continually practice to keep what skills I have," Koussas said.

He said one of the biggest shocks he had was scoring that remarkable goal against England in the Youth World Cup last October.

A natural right footer, he said his left foot was virtually useless before the Championships.

"But I practiced and practiced, to such an extent that I got it to about 50 per cent of the standard of my right foot," he said.

"Even then, one shot could be a beauty and with the next I could kick a lump of dirt out of the field. If you think the English keeper was surprised to see the ball bend around him, how do you think I felt?"

Koussas gave up quite a bit to compete in the Youth Cup.

He went full time into soccer, last year, training with Olympic and by himself, as well as with the Youth team squad.

"I was determined to get into the team and I knew I could only do it if I was totally involved in soccer," he said.

"There was a lot of competition for places in the team — which was good in that it forced you to produce your best.

"I did so much skill work with Raul Blanco that I convinced myself I was actually better than I was. My confidence was better than it had been for a long time — not overly cocky — but just confident that I could do things and would be of value to the team," he said.

"I wish I had more skills"



Mark Koussas

Koussas said there were so many memories of the World Youth Cup that it was hard to pick a single feature.

"Possibly the biggest thrill was the win against Argentina. It was something we dreamed about — you know, kidding each other before the game. Afterwards we just couldn't believe we'd done it. It still seems like a dream."

What could have developed into a nightmare was his now famous penalty miss against West Germany in the Canberra quarter-final.

"There was a lot of personal anguish over that miss," he said.

"It's something that will never leave me, but I just refused to allow it to destroy me. More famous players than me have missed vital penalties and yet they haven't packed up their boots and retired. If you let something like that destroy you, then you shouldn't be playing in the first place."

His summed up his thoughts on the penalty: "I just picked the wrong game to miss a penalty".

Koussas is now aiming for a national team place, but rejects notions that the Youth team should be picked, *en masse*, as the national side.

"When those statements started coming out I think some of the few people who felt they were silly were the Youth players themselves," he said.

"We knew better than anyone how much we all learnt during the Cup and how much more we would have to learn. To pick us for the national side in World Cup qualifying games would be like throwing lambs to lions".

"I can't fully concentrate on soccer throughout the week...this problem has plagued Australian soccer for years..."

However, Koussas is confident that several of the Youth team have the ability to make their way into Les Scheinflug's national team.

"Les knows the players very well and has seen us develop over the past year and I'm certain that players like Mitchell, Raskopoulos and Blair will be considered. But a national team needs players who have experience, strong character and guile.

"I think too many people went overboard about the Youth team's performance. Okay, we did well — and could have done better — but it was just one of those things where everything seemed to click for a while.

"I think the good points of Australian soccer were highlighted during the Cup, but people don't want to know about the hard work that went on behind the scenes.

"You just don't get that success without effort," Koussas added.

Effort is something Koussas is constantly aware of this year, as he tries to combine playing for Olympic with the completing of a technical data processing certificate.

"Going to tech and training means that I usually end up studying through until 2 or 3 am," he said.

"And now the work load is increasing as we approach the end of the course, so there is more pressure building. I'm the last one to make excuses, but I know it is affecting my play, simply because I can't fully concentrate on soccer throughout the week to prepare. It's an unfortunate situation — but I realise I'm not the only one with the problem. It has plagued Australian soccer for years".

Koussas said he was determined to get his certificate as he wants a secure future.

"My profession comes first, then soccer," he added.

"Although soccer is my great passion, I need to be financially secure, and that can only come through having a good career.

"If the day ever comes when we have professional soccer here, then there will be a lot of agonizing over which course to take.

"But until that day I'm satisfied with the choice I've made now," he said.

Emery tips ASF to join Asian Confed.

For one week in July Brian Emery was in a football administrator's heaven.

The ASF's new manager attended the FIFA Congress which was held in conjunction with the World Cup in Spain, and for a week he lived, talked and watched football, 24-hours a day.

"It was quite an experience to be literally talking all day with administrators from all over the world," Emery said.

"You discover that your own problems don't seem so isolated any more—and sometimes what you think are big headaches are small in comparison to those of other Associations".

The experience at the World Cup convinced Emery that Australia just has to be at the next one — wherever it may be.

"We have to make the world stage if we want to really progress," he said.

"At the World Cup you can learn so much — and also in the build up to the World Cup you can gain tremendously," he said.

"The organisation that is needed for the World Cup is huge, but it should not be wasted once the campaign is over, because that experience can be drawn upon for the domestic organisation," he said.

He said Australia had to start realistically planning for the next World Cup now and he hoped that ASF would start moving towards initiating a campaign.

"There are 36 countries from our part of the world competing for two places at the next World Cup," he said.

"Those are pretty heady odds if you're unprepared.

"You only have to look at what the Kuwaitis did and even the New Zealanders who planned their campaign superbly," Emery said.

Emery said the venue for the next World Cup was not definitely Colombia as some people felt.

He said there was a lot of talk at the FIFA Congress that Colombia had cold feet at the idea of a 24-team competition for 1986.

One of the other major pieces of speculation to come out of the Congress was that the Arab nations, at present spread over both the African and Asian Confederations, would pull out of those two bodies to form a separate Arab Confederation.

Emery sees this as potentially a handy move for Australia.

"At present we are part of a tiny confederation — Oceania — composed of four islands: Australia, New Zealand, Papua-New Guinea and Fiji.

"We have no muscle, no influence and little standing in the soccer community," he said.

"But if there are withdrawals from Asia by the Arabs it may give us the chance to join the Asian Confederation — something we've wanted to do for a long time.

"The trouble is, at present they don't want us.

"But if they lost some members, perhaps they'd be more willing to admit us to boost their numbers," he said.

Emery said one of the ideas that he banded around at the meeting was the possibility of a Pacific Competition, involving countries whose borders touch the ocean.

He said there was heartening response to the idea.

"There was a lot of interest in the proposal, simply because it would give so many countries a chance to play such varied opposition.

"The ASF has always believed too that we have to get used to playing countries we will meet in World Cup qualifiers.

"It's all very well going on European tours, but we have to beat the likes of Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Korea to get to a World Cup.

"We must start playing our neighbors.

"The Pacific Cup is an interesting idea because it provides a lot of opponents.

"After all, the Pacific is a pretty big neighbourhood," he added.

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Drama season at Sydney Olympic

Sydney Olympic displayed a unique flair for self-flagellation last month. After weeks of growing rumors, the crisis erupted with the resignation of president John Constantine and coach Doug Collins.

"Eight of the 11 men on the club committee didn't agree with my way of running the club, so I decided to quit," says Constantine, one of the most respected and level-headed soccer administrators in Australia.

The day after the resignation, the Board of Directors met — and refused to accept his resignation.

"They have no right to do that; it's not their prerogative to accept or refuse. The resignation stands. That's the end of the ballgame for me."

Well, perhaps not quite. In the next few weeks an extraordinary general meeting is likely to be called with the aim of enticing Constantine back to the fold.

"I would consider this but only on my terms," he says. "The Board, in so many words, told me to stay on as president in name only till the end of the season. If they want a puppet they'll have to look elsewhere."

Contrary to rumors, it was not the Collins-issue which led to Olympic's domestic upheaval.

"It was only the last straw," says Constantine. "There have been disagreements for months on other major issues about the club's running. The trouble is we have too many committeemen who tend to act as disappointed fans. The ball hits the crossbar in a match — and they demand somebody's head. That's not the way to plan a club's future."

The Collins issue was the visible tip of the iceberg that scuttled the ship. For many weeks—ever since Olympic began to slide from the top perch in the PSL — Collins was the target of heated criticism from some officials. To make things worse, Tommy Docherty, now with South Melbourne, further undermined Collins' position by veiled statements that he would "consider" the Olympic job if it became vacant.

"I think irreparable harm has been done to the club's image by forcing Collins to quit," says Constantine. "The mind just stops why they didn't allow him to finish the season, with four games left."

"It's hard to say how much Docherty's presence in Melbourne speeded up things. But there is no doubt that the whole public debate had a bad effect on the players. Docherty never said he was taking over the club."

True. But he never said he wasn't, either. John Constantine, the fine lawyer he is, concedes the point.

"Amazingly enough, there is absolutely no animosity between Docherty and Collins. One day after Doug's resignation we all had dinner at my place. I don't think Collins blames Docherty for what happened."

Collins' contract, John Constantine thinks, will be fully paid up. And then comes Docherty?

"Possibly," he says. "He told me he would like to settle in Sydney for good. My personal view is that if he were available and ready to move to Sydney on a long term basis, Olympic could do a lot worse than engage him."

What about those reported utterings of Docherty last year in the British Press, denigrating if not ridiculing our soccer? Will the Olympic fans forgive and forget?

"Look," says Constantine placidly, "Docherty in 1981 doubled our crowds, brought excitement to the matches and became a

hero of the fans. That's undeniable. Then he walked out.

"But we received \$50,000 compensation from Preston North End, so we can be more pragmatic than moralistic about the issue. Also, our fans knew that Docherty, being a pro coach, couldn't refuse the Preston job."

"As for his statements, Docherty says some were taken out of context. But what if they weren't? Everybody is making statements in soccer — and some provide good copy. The Doc has always been good copy, here and in Britain. You have to take the man the way he is."

And Olympic seems ready to do just that.

—Andrew Dettre



Olympic's past and possibly future president, John Constantine

LEAGUE FOR UNDER-15 TEAMS ADVOCATED

—By Paul Posetti

ALSTON IS AT HOME FOR GOOD

Adrian Alston, by Australian standards, is a soccer superstar who, since 1974, has been a globetrotting Australian soccer legend.

Alston's travels have taken him from Preston to Wollongong, Sydney, Luton, Florida, London, Cardiff and back to Wollongong. Now he is back in Australia to stay. "Australia is home and I'm here for good" the former Socceroo striker says.

Alston arrived back recently without his wife and two children. The Immigration Department has posed a few problems for his family. Alston's 10-year-old son was born in Australia, his daughter six, was born in Wales and his wife is without Australian citizenship. Alston hopes that the Government will shortly allow him to be re-united with his family.

The delay of his family's arrival is only one of two major disappointments Alston has received since returning to the land of OZ. He expected to get the Wollongong City coaching position recently vacated by Ken Morton.

Willie Wallace edged him out. Alston was very confident of getting the position, and his failure to do so has obviously left him somewhat disillusioned. Particularly when so many Wolves fans wanted to see him in the job.

He is still hoping to pick up a PSL coaching job next season but at the moment is not in the position to reveal which clubs he is speaking with.

Adrian Alston's soccer future is in Australia. "I have regarded myself as Australian since I first played for Australia," he says.

He feels he has got everything to offer to Australian soccer and given the chance he would change many aspects of our game based on his experiences overseas.

He has played soccer in 43 countries. Alston believes our soccer is not played as it should be.

"It should be a lot more enjoyable to watch. Our style of play should be changed; the new one should be determined by the players you've got. It's no good playing English football in our climate and on our hard grounds," he says.

"Australian grounds are rubbish, absolute rubbish, but it doesn't take a lot of money to keep the grounds in good order — water and rolling is all that's needed.

"Australia's soccer future is entirely with the youth of the country."



Adrian Alston in his St. George days

Alston has been away for nearly eight years and he doesn't believe Australian soccer has changed all that much.

"The best players have been spread around and the average standard has improved but there are no personality players. The average player is better but there are no players who will pull the crowds in.

"The administration of Australian soccer should take a long hard look at the youth of this country".

He believes a decent league must be found for players 15-18 years.

He has joined forces with long standing friend and former Socceroo captain Peter Wilson in conducting private coaching clinics.

The former dynamic duo have made themselves available to take squads of up to 16 players for a two-month period and "going through the whole thing with them," to quote Alston.

This would mean Alston and Wilson being involved with these squads for 12 days spread over a couple of months, totalling about 26 hours of coaching.

"It's no good just taking them for 90 minutes and giving them a few headers and a few passes" Alston said.

Their coaching clinic is based in Wollongong but Alston and Wilson would be willing to travel to make their immense experience available to the youth of Australian soccer.

Alston is contactable on 84 4726 or at his place of work Byrt Ford in Wollongong where he works as a salesman on 29 7777.

Wilson and Alston have already had sponsorship offers for their coaching organisation. Alston got the idea for these clinics while in the USA.

"I did it for almost three years in America. Over there, part of the deal is you have to do two schools a week, teaching the kids basic skills. Then you have two speaking engagements a week — you have to make a speech or two to various organisations.

"I've done clinics with Pele and with Georgie Best, I've seen how they work and I've got ideas from these which are completely different from the clinics which are common in Australia.

"I don't want 30 or 40 kids at a time; a small group of 16 is ideal to concentrate on skills. We really have to stop all the physical training. The kids in Australia are strong and fit, they're always outdoors.

"It's got to be all ball work and development of skill. We really have to improve the standard and then our own style will develop."

STRICTER RULES TO TIDY UP THE GAME

There will be a severe crackdown on timewasting by goalkeepers this season following a law change approved by FIFA's international board.

Goalkeepers will no longer be allowed to dribble the ball around the penalty area.

Under the new ruling, a goalkeeper must release the ball as soon as he has taken four steps with it under control.

The Football Association have stressed that he does not need to have the ball in his hands to have it under control.

The FA has also ordered referees at all levels of the game—not just in the Football League—to expel any player guilty of the 'cynical' or professional foul; this includes anybody who deliberately handles the ball to prevent a goal.

Yard-stealing at throw-ins is also to be punished, by the award of a foul throw.

The changes are the product of Jimmy Hill's think-tank which was set up to try and improve the game's image.

Hill, Sir Matt Busby and Bobby Charlton came up with a series of proposals which have been considerably watered down but may still prove beneficial.

They wanted a penalty to be awarded for all professional fouls, regardless of where the offence was committed, and no offsides from any clearance by a goalkeeper, but these plans were thrown out by FIFA.

This new FIFA Ruling applies to all soccer throughout the world. Presumably it won't be introduced in

Australia during current season, but maybe for next season.



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Our 1974 World Cup captain is a cautious man...

He'd rather dig for coal than coach...

Full-time coaching is not—repeat, NOT—in Peter Wilson's mind. The amiable Leichhardt giant, who was forced to spend the better part of the 1982 season limping on the sideline with an assortment of injuries, does enjoy his present spell as caretaker coach—but has no ambitions to make his living out of this hazardous profession.

"It's too much of a cut-throat business for my liking," he says.

"One day you have a good job and everybody pats you on the back, next day you're abused and sacked.

"Even coal-mining is more secure than that."

Wilson, Australia's most accomplished sporting star cum coal miner near Wollongong, is definite about not even considering an application for the Leichhardt position as a fulltime coach.

"Not that mining is in such a great shape," he says. "In recent weeks some eight families in my neighbourhood have sold out, packed up and left the South Coast for Western Australia or Northern Queensland.

"At the moment my job looks safe—but anything can happen. Our mine is closely associated with BHP and if this giant company decides to retrench staff, it's just a matter of luck who gets the chop."

Wilson says he would prefer to keep on playing for Leichhardt rather than switch to coaching.

"Too many players retire too soon," he says. "I will go when I am ready and can't compete but not just yet.

"Leichhardt will probably need a fulltime coach and I hope they find the best available. Me, I'd rather dig for coal a few hundred metres down..."



Peter Wilson

SIX FOR HIGH NOON DRAMA ON COAST

Willie Wallace is the coach of Wollongong for 1983 — after a selection process bordering on a French farce.

The six candidates were all called in together one evening — to a rugby league club's large hall. There they sat, side by side, amicably chatting, like patients in a dentist's waiting room.

"It was rather embarrassing," one of the candidates told us. "There was no discretion, nothing private.

"The club committee concentrated heavily on the money side — how much would I want, how much would I accept, and so on.

"I guess it must have been the same with the other five candidates, too."

The six candidates, by the way, were Willie Wallace, Adrian Alston, Ljubo Gojkovic, Dick Evans, Mike Johnson and Casey de Bruin.

One can only hope that Wollongong have made the best choice even if their methods were not the most modern in coming to the decision.

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Australian soccer's path towards an uncertain future has been littered with the bodies of saviours.

Many of them arrived on the scene with grandiose ideas and plans, turned in impressive survey reports, staged delectable cocktail parties, talked of an almost unbearably prosperous soccer future, collected their fees—then vanished without a trace.

So what has happened to ASF Marketing?

Well, they exist in name only. Rik Booth and John Frank have left the soccer scene and their plans, graphics and plastic-bound reports are gathering dust someplace. Maybe they weren't right for soccer—or perhaps soccer wasn't quite right for them.

However, there is one survivor from the wreckage, John Clarke who was the last to join the triumvirate which in 1980 and 1981 caused so much controversy and triggered off such an extraordinary amount of bitterness in soccer.

The soft-spoken, eloquent and seemingly durable John Clarke is still in soccer though, by choice, cutting a low profile.

"Yes, I am still involved with soccer," he says. "I am now General Manager of West Nally Pty.Ltd. in Australia and New Zealand. We opened up a service office on April 1 for their worldwide clients.

"It's potentially a sales office for new sports marketing opportunities so we can package sports into commercial parcels."

The 'sports'—seven of them—includes soccer.

"Soccer is obviously still West Nally's biggest client here," he says. "So West Nally have agreed with Sir Arthur George to underwrite financial support for four and a half years, until the end of 1986. (Past the 1986 World Cup. Ed.)

"As a result, we are hoping to ensure that in this period Australia plays more home internationals than tour matches so that not only does the sport have a firm financial base but also the West Nally money—over a \$1,000,000—will be used to fund home internationals for seniors and youth teams rather than just buying air tickets and hotel rooms.

"When we come to offering advertising sponsorships to West Nally to recover their money, they will be able to offer their clients a good return for their investments."

John Clarke at present works alone, with a secretary; he is still located in Underline's North Sydney premises, on a rental basis.

What happened then to ASF Marketing?

"Well," he says swiftly, "John Frank has returned to operating from his own home, doing whatever he wants to do. He is out of soccer. Rik Booth has returned completely to Underline as a promotions company—and their business has shot up enormously.

"I understand they have more soap powder accounts than they can handle.

ASF MARKETING IS DORMANT, NOW IT'S WEST NALLY'S SHOW



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One of the few heritages from the days of ASF Marketing—the various Soccerroo cartoon figures drawn by Sydney artist Simon O'Leary.

Another left-over is the enforced club names, such as Leopards, Strikers, Hawks and Glants.

West Nally are certain to concentrate on more mundane issues in the future—such as actually selling the game to big business.

"But there is no total break in the old network. If I need a poster designed, I can always call on his company as creative advisors. On the other hand, I can also take this problem to another promotions company."

But what about the ASF Marketing which, one was led to believe, was to function for years as a separate identity?

"The name still exists because many contracts are still running—but it's purely a 'shelf-name.' It's currently owned by the ASF.

"Originally ASF Marketing was 50-50 owned by the ASF and West Nally, London. They jointly contracted Rik Booth to run ASF Marketing. In turn, Rik stipulated that ASFM's creative consultants will be Underline. That's how the agency entered the picture."

John Clarke says West Nally now operates its own office. The ASF has taken possession of ASF Marketing which has no staff; it's dormant.

And the marketing or promotion of the PSL?

"They chose to go their own way," Clarke explains. "I constantly try to persuade PSL Chairman Sam Pappasavas that the fragmentation of Australian soccer will continue until the ASF and the PSL can present a united front to TV networks and to sponsors.

"Now I believe Sam has chosen to brief a Melbourne company, Royce, to prepare a sales document on the PSL and to try to find them sponsors to replace Philips.

"I would love to help but I am 'uninvited,' shall we say.

"I have a letter on file that says 'please don't approach either the Philips League or Channel 0-28 who represent the PSL—you don't..."

Clarke is more perplexed than annoyed about this open PSL hostility.

"I think the old ASFM hangs over me," he says. "They may feel that if I was successful in finding them a sponsor they would have to pay a 20 percent commission. I think 20 percent of something is better than 100 percent of nothing."

In October, Patrick Nally will visit Sydney and an expansion of his empire here may follow. Clarke says they hope to engage project managers for the various sports and, by the middle of 1983, may have four such executives.

"The first man I want to engage is a journalist cum PR man to explain to the public what the hell we are actually doing. Maybe we will have this man operating later this year."

ROYCE ROLLS ON WITH ROAD SHOW

"We want to enhance the League's prestige," John Royce of Consolidated Royce told a press conference in Sydney recently.

Next day you could measure his impact in the Press: not a word in the Australian, three lines in the Mirror, not a word in the Sun, two paragraphs in the Telegraph and a gentle satire in the Herald bemoaning the predominance of nuts, chips, crackers and cheese instead of solid food at the gathering.

Royce of Consolidated Royce was the main reason for what the invitation called an "urgent press conference." Urgent? For whom? In the 6th season of the PSL?

"The chairman and directors of the National League invite..." said the invitation.

Just a mistake, John Royce parried a question. "It was done in a hurry."

Consolidated Royce, it seems, is the latest savior of soccer, a Melbourne-based PR firm ("we'll make frequent visits to Sydney," he said, pleasing only the amiable Aidan O'Toole of TAA in the room) located and engaged by PSL chairman Sam Papasavas, with one mission: to replace Philips as the sponsor.

And replace they did already — symbolically. The Philips name was painted out of the logos hanging on the wall; even the Kremlin doesn't rewrite history quite so fast when one of their stars falls into disgrace.

The spiel unfolded by John Royce was amazingly naive. Reading from speech notes he sang the praises of soccer to a room full of soccer officials and soccer writers. Then he outlined some "plans."

Such as an enlarged League, a possible second division, indoor competition, im-

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Mr Dettre

TO AN URGENT PRESS CONFERENCE

The invitation to the press conference. Note the multiple invalidity: There is no National League, as such, and there is no president, let alone directors...

proved TV coverage, the advent of a Tasmanian club and some such. All terribly *deja vu*.

"We have been working on this for three weeks non-stop," he said, clearly impressed with his longevity. Some of us, such as Harry Lakmaker, Alex Pongrass and others present, have been around for 25 years or more. Three weeks?

"In 1983 soccer will be Australia's fastest growing sport," we were told.

How? Why? What's the ground for such optimism? Two days earlier we had three PSL matches with crowds less than 700; the day after the Urgent Press Conference the Philips Cup semi-final in Sydney drew 815.

"Three rugby league clubs have expressed interest in joining the PSL," he stunned the audience.

Oh? Which ones? What interest?, a journalist colleague asked.

Royce of Consolidated Royce looked askance at Paul Kemp and Tony Labbozetta, sitting next to him; both preferred to stay silent on the subject.

"The new sponsor will get the same exposure as Philips," the meeting was informed. "Shirt logos, press releases, etc." I hope it's going to get a lot more than that. For years I have been wondering why Philips Industries have been so unbelievably reticent and satisfied with the morsel returns for their estimated \$2 million poured into the League.

During the entire conference there was no mention of the past efforts of ASF Marketing; I guess it could have ruined even the subdued enthusiasm of the occasion.

Now we can all sit back and wait for the results. Advertisements in the daily press duly appeared, asking any company with some spare cash to please telephone Melbourne (no reverse charge) and grab this unique opportunity.

It's not been explained why a PR company is needed to draft an ad; surely the PSL office itself could have drawn up one unaided. If a sizeable commission is involved — and one assumes it is involved — then you'd expect a search for a new sponsor to go on relentlessly — and discreetly and privately, not in newspaper ads.

It's sad that this is the best the PSL management can come up with. It's even sadder that the clubs, most of them run by intelligent, serious people, tolerate this type of dilettantism.

But then, again — what's new in soccer?

—By Andrew Dettre



PSL chairman Sam Papasavas

Calvin Daunt is a throwback in modern soccer. At a time when most managers are looking for small, quick strikers who poach goals, Daunt offers himself as a target to his team-mates, creating space and opportunity for others.

On the field he still shows the awkwardness of youth allied to an exuberance that has seen him already fall foul of some officials who see his play bordering on the dangerous. Off the field he is a quiet, almost shy individual, recently married and already dedicated to the task of establishing himself at the highest level of soccer possible in this country.

Daunt is a coach's dream, a good listener who gives of himself unstintingly at training, whether it be mundane repetitions or full-scale practice matches. He knows only one way to train, a fact borne out in mute testimony in the recently broken nose of his classy team-mate, Allan Niven. Daunt is graduate of Lions' youth policy and to determine his chances of success we should first examine his soccer pedigree.

Like most Australian kids, his soccer career began early with the Oxley club, back in 1968. He played there for four years before moving to the famous Ipswich nursery St. Helens where he first gained recognition at junior level. A move to Lions in 1975 lasted



Calvin Daunt

With the coming to Richlands in mid-1981 of Joe Gilroy, Daunt suddenly found his

Undaunted Daunt Lions' lucky charm

only one year before his height advantage allowed him to consider senior soccer. At 6ft. 4in. he had fast outgrown his strength and co-ordination but a move back to Oxley allowed him to take part in senior soccer albeit at a lower level.

After a year he moved to Taringa Rovers where he played in a midfield role, but it was as central striker that he was attracting attention when playing with the Queensland U-19 side.

After a particularly good stint at the national titles, he was selected in the Australian Youth team and travelled to Fiji in 1980 where they won the tournament, with Daunt finishing leading scorer with four goals in three matches. In a situation peculiar to Australian soccer—he was dropped from the squad...

But by now he was brought back to Lions where a youth policy was implemented but such was his disappointment at missing out on the youth team that he found it hard to apply himself to the job at hand, that of bringing up to standard his fitness level, his co-ordination and his strength.

champion, a man committed to giving youth a chance through the good and the bad. It's history now that with Gilroy at the helm, Lions had their best ever PSL year.

Gilroy points out that it's also no coincidence that in the 14 games started with Daunt in the line-up Lions won seven, drew four and lost only three.

Daunt also had a dream Cup Final, firing Lions into the lead after only seven minutes to end up with a national medal at 19.

By the start of the 1982 season Daunt was in trouble. Gilroy, forced to rebuild his defence, brought in more youngsters and in pre-season matches the team struggled to find its balance and rhythm.

Daunt became the target for the 'loyal fans' and the harder he tried to please the more awkward he became. For them it did not matter that the boy is extremely sensitive and when his front-running mates Williamson and Millman began to find the net, the fans' criticism became even harsher.

"Some of the fans like him, others like to hate him—but he brings wins to his team."

For the lad's own good, Gilroy took him out of the team—and within weeks Lions' goalscoring twins, 'W & M' had dried up. In his 10-week absence from first team duty (some of it enforced by injury), Lions could only win two games, draw three—and lose five, scoring a miserable 10 goals in the process. (As a side issue to these figures, Daunt had a miserable debut for the Lions' reserve State team which lost its first match of the season. Then the big lad began to hit the target and the team stayed top of its

league, beating every team they met. With his promotion back to the PSL side, the State League team lost four games straight...)

During his 10-week absence he made an appearance against Brisbane City in the Philips Cup, won 1-0 by Lions. An injury put him out of the team until the next round against Sydney City, again won 1-0 by Lions.

Now back in the PSL team, he helped the side pick up five points out of six in three matches before he earned an automatic one-week suspension. Lions lost 2-3 to Preston...

Is Daunt some sort of a good luck charm? Is he a good, bad or indifferent player?

Gilroy, the thorough professional, will argue that since he took over at Lions he has started Calvin Daunt in 26 matches. Lions' record in these reads: won 13, drawn 8, lost 5.

Eddie Thomson of Sydney City would be only too pleased to point out that these figures win titles.

The Lions fans are confused. Some like him, some like to hate him—but, in the end, figures do tell a story.

Calvin Daunt at 20 is an old fashioned central striker. Not a prolific scorer, he runs endlessly trying to create for others.

Will he fulfil his ambition to reach the top? Time will tell. It could be that he is already near the top but some people just can't stand heights...

Vic Migliacco reports from ADELAIDE

One of the most popular discussion topics in soccer circles must be what has happened to former glamour club Adelaide City this year.

It must be misleading to assume that the club has failed to progress, despite their present near bottom position on the league table. It is a well known fact that the financial position of the club has had a lot of bearing on the situation.

Let's cast our minds back to Sunday, November 29, 1981 when the club held its Annual General Meeting. A brave and respected man named Lou Ravesi was re-elected as President and was given the power to appoint a Board of his choice for 1982.

In other words, he took over the responsibilities almost single handed to save the financial problems, which at that time included a \$350,000 debt.

On the playing side, once again reflecting on the financial position of the club, one could say that Adelaide City this year has missed the boat.

City, and Perin has made only one change in the line up of D'Ottavi's team, and that for new arrival, striker Les Carter. The situation on the league table didn't change much either.

Only recently the club announced that Adelaide Pest Control will be making a solid contribution to the club for the next three years by sponsoring them to the amount of \$72,000. The club's major sponsor, Boral has renewed its \$30,000 sponsorship for the 1983 season and a group of builders who support the club have joined forces and are in progress of building a house at West Lakes; when sold, should bring in \$100,000, all the profits going to the club.

It seems that Ravesi's aim of getting the club out of a financial squeeze has been reached and Adcity is looking forward to a new challenge in 1983.

Adelaide City was a great side in 1977 and they will be even better in 1983, take my word...



Bobby Russell

Adcity will come good again

Perhaps City's problems started when goalkeeper Peter Marshall suffered a multiple broken leg while playing against Canberra City in June 1981. Incidentally, he will not play soccer again. City finished the season without a top goalkeeper and ended up 7th on the league table, after hitting the top in round 19.

Coach Bob D'Ottavi was re-appointed in December, and it wasn't until a week later that he conducted his first official training session, without three of his top players, Bobby Russell and David Mitchell in U.K. and Glen Dods in New Zealand. Big defender David Jones told the club he was seeking a transfer to a Melbourne club because of his employment.

Pre-season preparations weren't looking so hot for D'Ottavi. He signed two players, Willie McNally, a goalkeeper from Perth Azurri for a very low transfer fee and Neville Flounders a defender from Hitby Town, a northern league in U.K. on a free transfer.

Qantas transported two imports to the club, U.K. youth international Neil Banfield and from Italy Sergio Marangoni, plus former Scottish international goalkeeper Bobby Ferguson who was already residing in Adelaide. No transfer fee was required to be paid for these three players.

As the season pressed on, the side could not settle. Johnny Perin retired as a player, David Mitchell was transferred to Sydney City, then came the crunch; after nine rounds the pressure was on. The team had only collected five points.

Bob D'Ottavi was forced to resign and Johnny Perin was the new coach for Adelaide



Coach John Perin in his playing days



Brian Northcote

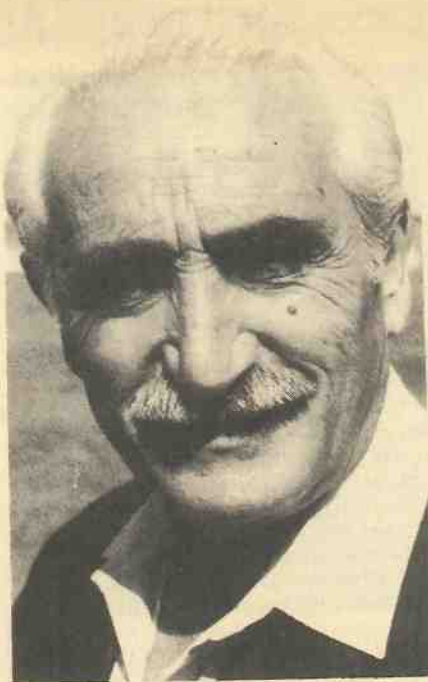
He goes to some lengths to ensure that his ego is not showing too much. "It's hard to speak about yourself especially after a successful season like this."

Andrew Lederer, Sydney City's soccer chairman and the No.2 man in the swank Hakoah Club after president Frank Lowy, does try hard not to sound conceited. He's anxious to give credit where it belongs. But, all false modesty aside, Andrew Lederer believes it was largely his meticulous long-term planning and leadership which have swept the Slickers to the top and have kept them there or thereabouts since 1977.

Lederer is a dapper man; he's always dressed as if he had just stepped out of the pages of a mens' wear magazine; his graying hair, brushed back, and little military moustache remind you of Vittorio de Sicca. Since last year he has lived in retirement; before that he was the omnipotent boss of Presto, one of Australia's largest and best smallgoods manufacturers.

He is Hungarian by birth; his accented English is typically Hungarian. So are his Presto logos on the backs of buses: the Hungarian tricolore framing that grinning pig.

Lederer grew up in the provincial town of Gyongyos where his family were landowners; a throwback to those gentry days shows in his passion for daily horse-riding through Centennial



Soccer chairman Andrew Lederer

do all the negotiations with the players, all the contract talks. When we want to sign somebody, we talk it over with Eddie Thomson — but it's a joint decision, not just his.

"This is not a matter of distrust but commonsense. Coaches may come and go but the clubs remain; it's not the coach who has to pay for his possible mistakes but the club. So at least we take a chance jointly."

Lederer became the soccer boss of Hakoah Club in 1969. For some time he and the late Tibor Kalman were working as co-managers; for almost 10 years now he has been on his own.

He likes to debunk the popular theory that Sydney City 'buy' success by waving a fat chequebook around.

"We usually buy one player a year, a class player, and that costs a lot of money," he says. "This year it was Dave Mitchell, last year John Kosmina, before that Ken Boden."

"But we also produce our own, like Jimmy Patikas and Graham Fletcher, not

Slickers boss has '83 title re-booked

Park on misty mornings. Lunchtime usually finds him in the Hakoah Club where he chews the rag with the same six or seven friends. Twice a week he attends a training of his team, leaning on the rail at Sydney Athletic Field, living up to an old Hungarian proverb: "It's the farmer's eyes that fatten the cattle."

"You could say I am lucky that I have a soccer and also a business background," he admits. "Not many of our soccer officials have both. I played soccer from the age of 6 to 32 at Gyongyos. Whenever I could, I went to Budapest to see the big clubs in action, such as MTK and Ferencvaros."

"I also knew many of the greats of the Budapest soccer society. They used to meet daily at the Rozsa (rose) Espresso:

Marton Bukovi, Karoly Sandor, Gusztav Sebes, then players like Puskas, Kocsis and Lantos. We talked about soccer, day and night. Clubs, players, management, episodes, mistakes, the lot. Anecdotes came with the short black coffee. It was during those years that my soccer philosophy was shaped."

Andrew ('Bandi') Lederer sees himself as a friendly, fair but demanding boss who actively seeks and uses the co-operation of coaches and players alike. He doesn't like to argue or sack people but expects respect and results.

"We have always insisted on top organisation and discipline in the club," he says. "We try to pick the right people, give them the facilities they need and leave them alone. So long as they perform, there is no interference."

And perform they do: they have just won their third PSL title in a row — and fourth in six years . . .

"We always regard a coach as a sort of foreman, not manager. We don't believe in giving them full rights. In Sydney City I



Director Harry Lakmaker

THE SLICKERS IN 77-81

Pl.	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
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78:	2.	26	15	5	6	49	27 35
79:	3.	26	15	3	8	48	30 34
80:	1.	26	16	5	5	51	26 37
81:	1.	30	19	5	6	59	30 43

In the 1977-81 seasons Sydney City have won 69 percent of the available points—a ratio slightly better than three points per two games.

to mention those who have been with us for years such as Murray Barnes, Kevin Mullen and Steve O'Connor. Then we imported wisely and inexpensively: who could doubt the value of Joe Watson, for example, or Willie Murray, perhaps Alex Robertson?

"We also sell well which makes the

books look more balanced."

Lederer says it costs the Hakoah Club about \$240,000 to run the Slickers; he won't go into details about that. He also reacts sharply when the subject of meagre crowd support is mentioned.

"Everybody is amazed that we cannot attract more spectators, as champions of Australia," he says. "Reverse the riddle: Why aren't people impressed that we can be doing so well without any tangible

support? If we had the crowd potential of a Sydney Olympic, we could build an Australian Cosmos."

But even that sore point is about to be rectified.

"Within two or three years we want ALL clubs and teams in the Southern and Eastern Association to play under the Sydney City umbrella," he says. "This would not only give us a hinterland in junior players but would swing the whole vast area behind our club.

"That's why it was essential to change the soccer club's name to Sydney City; the name Hakoah was not marketable on a large scale."

Andrew Lederer is not bashful when talking about his team's future.

"I know it's harder to stay on top than to get there," he admits, "but you can book us now for the 1983 title. We are used to playing under pressure; all teams want to beat us. But we have a powerful squad of 16 players, all of whom will be with us next year plus two youngsters, Fletcher and Lee.

"Is there another team that can measure up to this?"

None occurs to me right now...



Club president Frank Lowy

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A routine visit to the dentist some years ago gave birth to soccer's three footballing O'Sheas.

Robert, then nine, had complained to the dentist that his rugby league club where he, and his brothers John and Michael had been frolicking for some time, was disbanded.

"Why not try soccer?," the good dentist suggested and Robert did just that, joining the Carrs Park club. Within days John and Michael trailed along and they have been happy together ever since, as the story goes in fairytales.

This, anyway, is how the youngest male member of the clan Michael tells you. And the quiet, almost reticent O'Sheas are not known for their exaggeration.

For quite some time, elder brother John was the trio's flagbearer; the first to play senior soccer, the first—and so far the only one—to play for Australia.

Then along came Robert, now 23 and two years John's junior soon to be followed by Michael, now 22, the tallest of the three and also the youngest if you don't count sister Colleen, 20, purely a social squash player.

Comparisons may be odious but, among three soccer-playing brothers, almost inevitable. Various coaches over the years swore by the outstanding talent of this or that O'Shea, according to their preferences. John was supposed to be the reincarnation of the young John Warren; even his trot and hand gestures were reminders of 'Skippy,' the original Captain Socceroo.

Others sang the praises of Robert: forceful, dynamic and versatile, almost equally at home in defence as in attack.

But this season, somewhat unexpectedly, Michael has squeezed strongly into the limelight. Playing as stopper for St. George, he has become one of the pillars of the team, earning a variety of kudos and man-of-the-match prizes with pleasing frequency. The kid brother has now come into his own.

"There is no jealousy as such at home," Mike says, "but there is healthy rivalry. This is normal, I guess; we all play for St. George and all live at home. Soccer is hardly ever off the agenda.

"I am always happy when Robert or John gets a good write-up but secretly wish it had been me."

The O'Sheas returned this year to their original point of departure, St. George, with a bit of a detour. They were playing for the Saints in the PSL in 1977 and 1978 when an offer came from Canberra. The whole family packed up and move to the capital. They played and played well in 1980 and 1981 for the Arrows and then, early this year, repatriated to the Saints.

"We had some problems with our new contract in Canberra," Michael says, "and asked for a transfer. Canberra agreed, so John called up Frank Arok and asked him if he was interested. We also contacted Olympic and Marconi but the Saints acted first. Naturally, they were our first choice anyway; it was like coming home."

18 Soccer World

Thank that dentist for the O'Shea tribe...



Michael O'Shea

For years stories have been circulating that the O'Sheas are inseparable; a club either signs all three of them or none.

"That's not exactly true," says Michael, "although so far we have always been playing together. But I can visualise the day when one of us wants to move and the other two decide to stay put. Or one day the Saints wish to retain only one of us, perhaps two but not three. In that case we will all go our own way. There is no treaty among us that we must play together all our lives though I hope we may manage it..."

The O'Sheas have helped St. George considerably to become what is perhaps the 'most Australian' team in the PSL. Of their current first team players Fraser, Skeen, Stone, Barton, Slater and the three O'Sheas are all Australian born—probably a higher local content than any other PSL team can claim.

"I don't think this was actually planned by Frank Arok, it just came about," says Michael. "But it's still good to know that even local boys can make it to the top if they are led properly."

Michael, having abandoned a budding career in the Public Service, is now a motor mechanical apprentice at Svenska Motors, tinkering with those luxury Volvos. "One day I'd love to have my own business," he daydreams, "but that's far off."

Robert works as a technician with a photocopying firm while John is with the Public Service. All are unmarried, living at home with father Joe and mother Norma as well as sister Colleen.

Their father hails from Cork, in Ireland—thus the good Irish name of Colleen—while their mother is Australian. Michael's greatest regret is that in 1979 he missed out on the World Youth Cup trip to Paraguay. He was in the squad of 21 but when it was trimmed to 18, he became one of the casualties.

"We love playing at St. George," says Michael. "Frank Arok has built up an incredible team spirit. He is an excellent coach and teacher. He encourages, in fact teaches players to think for themselves in all sorts of match situations.

"We don't have a star cult in the team though we do have some outstanding players. It's this unity, this compactness that is the secret of our very good season."



Robert O'Shea who was the first of the three brothers to start playing soccer, soon followed by brothers Mike and John.

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Paul Degney has never been afraid to express his views even if this got him into hot water at times.

At the start of the 1982 season a dispute with Marconi ended with his request to be transfer-listed—after 11 years of faithful service. The club slapped a cool \$15,000 on his head and, when no buyers appeared on the horizon, Degney decided to 'retire.'

But now he is back, playing as well as ever, keen to help Marconi lift themselves from the floor, for the second year running.

A primary school teacher at Arncliffe, Paul Degney's deepest regret is that he has managed only one appearance in a full international, back in 1980 against New Zealand in Auckland.

"Maybe I wasn't good enough for more," he says pensively, "or maybe Australia's open-house policy cut into my career. We will never know."

Open-house policy?

Degney doesn't mince his words on the subject.

"I really think we are crazy in this country by allowing imported players to play for Australia."

"I am not xenophobic but then neither am I a hypocrite. I feel it's wrong and no other countries do it."

"Can you imagine an Australian swimmer trying to compete for Britain? Or even in soccer. Dozens of the best Scottish, Irish and Welsh players earn their living with English clubs but none of them would ever—ever—become eligible for England. Because they weren't born there. In other countries this question doesn't even arise; here everybody seems to regard it as normal. Maybe it's the good old Aussie inferiority complex at the bottom of it all."

"I sat on the bench during our Centenary match with England. It was a case of 'Spot The Aussies.' Yugoslavs, Scots, English all over our team—in the Australian team, in a Centenary match."

"For years the Socceroos used to have an English captain. And then we are wondering why soccer doesn't go ahead in this country."

Paul Degney is one of that rare breed—a patriotic Australian. He probably feels that if it's OK to be a patriotic Swiss, American or Burmese, it's also OK to be openly proud of being an Australian. It sounds like a fair proposition.

"The Youth team last year proved my point," he adds. People regarded it as their own team and it was just that, too, full of talented Australian kids, never mind their descent and names.

"But at senior level we have lost our credibility with the public. This, I believe, is something only the ASF could rectify if they had the foresight."

"Look," he says, sounding sombre, "I have been in many Socceroo dressing rooms, getting ready for matches which then I spent on the bench. All you could hear all around you from our British

Degney says Socceroos is for Aussies

stars was 'how did so and so go yesterday back home.'

"Back home? Where is bloody home for them if they play for Australia?"

"I am sure many of us missed out on the national team because of these expatriates. Take my case. I had to sit and watch Jim Tansey operate at left fullback. I like Jim and I think he is a fine player—but he is English. Let them try to play for England and leave the Socceroo team to the Aussies. I don't mean just those born here but the Abonyis, Schaefer, Katholosos, Mitchells and others raised here, too."

Paul Degney teaches 5th grade class—and says most of the boys are sim-

ply soccer crazy.

"Every Monday they talk about soccer for hours. I have some Yugoslav-Aussie kids who can tell you the result of every Yugoslav first division match from the previous Sunday. And the PSL, too."

"We have Greeks, Lebanese, Italians and all sorts, all wrapped in soccer. Probably more than the Australian-Australian kids because in migrant homes soccer is just 'it.'"

"Often I hear them giggle about that TV program on Channel 0, laughing that our Captain Socceroo is a 'Pom.'"

"These 11-year-olds sense that something is not quite right—even though many of them also come from migrant households."

—a.d.

Dom cries foul play

He calls it a case of 'possible sabotage' and, understandably, is most upset about recent events on the field. Dom Kapetanovic, the dapper, always polite and friendly coach of Marconi, is ready to call in the FBI.

Sabotage of what? Well, of the Marconi team which, after a promising spell in the middle stages of the season, has collapsed in a heap.

Kapetanovic won't name names; that's also understandable. The hardest thing to prove in soccer is that a player is not doing his best for the club.

"Some of them are playing so badly that it's almost impossible not to become suspicious," he says. "One or two bad games can be explained and forgiven. But not a string of them."

Kapetanovic—a former successful coach in the tough Yugoslav first division—is in the middle of a club crisis. Last year, in order to halt a definite decline, Marconi made some sweeping changes. Out went the old committee including soccer chairman Tony Labbozzetta and out went coach Raul Blanco.

But a number of key players were also thrown out in the wash. Eddie Krncevic, Peter Sharne, Gary Byrne and, for a long period, Paul Degney, were lost to the side.

The unseemly hassle over the transfer of Krncevic to Dynamo Zagreb didn't help things; eventually it was his lottery-winning family that bought out his contract.

Then came the Henderson-affair with the club effectively thwarting the former Socceroo captain's plans to play with the Fort Lauderdale Strikers in Florida. The Americans offered \$35,000 but Marconi held out for \$80,000, so Henderson came back and, it seems, has been playing with the enthusiasm of a chained slave.

Recent rumors about Rale Rasic returning to Marconi must have all had an unsettling effect on the team. The club denies it and Rasic denies it—but one and all around Bossley Park seems to know, for sure, that in 1983 Rasic will be at the helm again, leaving his cozy though unglamorous Blacktown paradise.

"I have also heard about this," says Kapetanovic. "So have the players."

"It's up to the club, really. I would love to stay next year; I think this is a great club."

"I am not saying we should have won the PSL title but with a more decent effort, we could have done a lot better. Marconi should never be in the bottom half of the table. We have the best facilities in Australia; there is just no excuse for such lean years."

"I hope the club will give me a chance to stay on. I am sure 1983 would mark the beginning of Marconi's rise again."

"Now Tony Henderson is a friend of mine, a great player and tremendous personality. But can he be truly a Captain Socceroo, something which, by implication, is so very Australian?"

Degney is surely not the only one with such open—if not heretical—views. But he is one of the few who doesn't mind expressing them.

"Why not?" he asks. "If it's true, it can be said. I don't care how many imports play in our teams, if they are good enough. I know Australia is a migrant country. But to play for the national team, well, that's something different again. I don't care what anybody else says, an Australian-born player **MUST** have a different feeling about that Socceroo jersey than an imported player for whom it's just a valuable trophy."

This season Degney has spent six months out of the game, in reported retirement. In actual fact, he was keeping fit with a stiff daily regimen. Then he was recalled into the team—and within two weeks felt as if he hadn't been away at all.

He is quite content to make the 50-mile round trip from Arncliffe to Bossley Park three times a week for training. This weekly 150 miles comes to an impressive 6,000 miles a season and more than 66,000 miles in 11 years.

He has some firm ideas on what has caused Marconi's spectacular nosedive but, understandably, won't air his views publicly.

"I will say this, though," he volunteers. "The organisation and management instability of the club in the last few seasons had to show off in our results."

"I think the rot started when Les Scheinflug, then the coach, decided to sell Johnny Russell."

"Russell—and many people may not know this—was the most respected of all Marconi players. On the field but also off it. It was John who held the team together. He was a strong personality, a quiet but powerful character."

"But they sold him because of a petty disagreement. Also, I think, because he was often the spokesman for the other players."

"Then they turned around and bought the veteran Jim Muir to replace him—Muir who hadn't kicked a ball for some six months. Instability set in, many players began to wonder what their future is if a Johnny Russell can be so easily ditched?"

Now Degney is prepared to finish the season at Marconi and then sit down to think about his own future. At 28, he should have a few good years left in him.

"My contract with Marconi will expire soon and I am open to suggestions," he says. "It may be difficult to wrench myself away from the club after 11 years but all this travel is getting me down a bit."

"My wife is expecting our first child in January so I must think of the family, too, not just soccer."



Paul Degney and Peter Sharne (no.11) embrace in a PSL match last season. Since then Degney retired, came back again while Sharne is playing in Hong Kong.

A well credentialled Polish coach is in Sydney, hoping to join Australian soccer's mainstream.

He is Dr. Jerzy Wrzos, 46, a Doctor of Physical Education Sciences.

Dr Wrzos has a First Class soccer coaching certificate and has coached a number of Polish first and second division sides, such as Legia, Gdansk, Rakow Czestochowa, Odra Opole, Sparta Zabrzec.

His experience in soccer spans a 17-year period, during which he had coached up to 20 players into a Polish national team, at youth or adult championship level. In 1970 Dr. Wrzos was selected to be part of a team of seven coaches, under Kazimierz Gorski, to assist in coaching the Polish team.

Dr. Wrzos was a member of this special national coaching panel for eight years, where his task was to prepare team plans for training, tactical exercises, and analyse his and opposing team performances.

The Polish team won the Gold Medal in the 1972 Olympic Games at Munich, and later achieved third placing in the 1974 World Cup series in West Germany. Poland's later international successes, particularly in the 1978 and 1982 World Cup are a direct result of intensive 'behind the scenes' work and careful preparation done with their sides.

During his coaching career, he has managed to bring three sides from second division into first division ranking, and has also succeeded in coaching the Club Rakow to a Polish Cup Final.

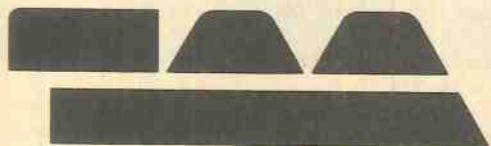
He was offered a position to coach the Kuwait National Youth team in 1981 but declined the position.

After his 1974 World Cup successes, he was appointed to Katowice University of Physical Education, as a lecturer in Advanced Soccer Coaching. This position consisted of lecturing to many first grade coaches, and also acting as a consultant to all coaches, in a national programme designed to improve coaching standards, at all levels of competition.

Dr. Wrzos also lectured to students who were seeking a university major in soccer coaching.

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POLISH COACH IS KEEN TO TEACH

Dr. Wrzos was the first person in Poland to receive a Doctorate degree, in the 'scientific' study of soccer play, and coaching. He received his doctorate in 1980, on a thesis entitled "Contemporary Trends of Offensive Action in Soccer".

Dr. Wrzos has also published two books in Poland, titled "The Attack Tactics—Theory and Practise" and "The Atlas for Specialised Footballer Training".

Dr. Wrzos can be contacted through a friend, Ted Slufinski, on 745 2233.

Canberra goes Greek to survive

Canberra will field what amounts to the fifth Greek-backed club in the PSL.

In August Downer Olympic took over Canberra City's PSL team—for the nominal sum of \$1.

However, with that low price tag went a curse—the curse of an estimated \$150,000 debt...

Other Greek-oriented clubs in the PSL are Heidelberg, South Melbourne, West Adelaide and Sydney Olympic.

The new president of Downer Olympic Arrows is leading Aboriginal public servant Charlie Perkins—who also remains president of Canberra City, which will now play in a local amateur league.

Perkins is no stranger to Greek influences: some years ago he starred as a player for Pan Hellenic in Sydney.

Many details about this 'new' Canberra team will be worked out in the off season.

One is the name of the club: Canberra Olympic Arrows is a bit too long.

Also on the agenda for discussions is Lotto's continued role as one of the god-fathers of the Canberra club.

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LAVISH PRAISE FOR BRAZIL FROM BRITISH STARS



A moment of Brazilian joy: Cerezo (left) and Oscar embrace Falcao (back to camera) after one of his memorable goals.

Maybe, at long last, something is stirring in Britain...

Surprisingly, most of the British players and coaches WERE impressed with Brazil's World Cup displays. In previous years the usual reaction to any other team's style was: 'We have nothing to learn from them...'

Some of the views:

PHIL NEAL, Liverpool and England: "I believe Brazil took what the Holland team described as 'total football' in 1974 and 1978 to new heights...they are a team in every sense of the word. Their flexibility was breathtaking and I am hopeful the managers and coaches who watched Brazil—and the improved French in the latter stages—will encourage and teach more attacking play."

CHRIS NICHOLL, Southampton and Northern Ireland: "The only truly impressive team was Brazil. They were superb. And we can all learn from their emphasis on skill and positive football."

CHARLIE NICHOLAS, Celtic: "Brazil were my fondest

memory of the tournament. I am sorry they were knocked out, because their football is what brings in the fans. We could learn a hell of a lot from them in terms of entertainment."

DAVE SEXTON, Coventry City manager: "Without question, Brazil were the best team in the tournament. I have never seen three midfield players cover as much ground in 90 minutes as their trio of Socrates, Falcao and Cerezo. Brazil's overall play in attack and defence was a joy to watch. They are skilful, unselfish and function as a unit. They are what football is all about."

PHIL THOMPSON, England: "How I wish Brazil had won the World Cup—apart from England, of course...Each time I watched Brazil they excited me more and more. In Falcao they had the best man of the tournament, a midfield player with seemingly unlimited skill and vision, a joy to watch."

BRYAN ROBSON, England: "Credit to Italy—but I think Brazil were still the best side in the World Cup. It's hard to win major competitions without a top class goalie and Brazil certainly didn't have one. Zico was my player of the Cup."

'Barca' bank on 3 million fans

FC Barcelona count on 3,000,000 paying customers during the 1982-83 Spanish season to visit their stunning Nou Camp stadium.

They count on 17 league games with 100,000 fans, four gates of 80,000 for the Cupwinners' Cup ties, two 120,000 gates for the annual 'Hans Gamper' tournament, four 80,000 crowds for Spanish Cup ties, four 70,000 gates for the Spanish League Cup and one 120,000 gate for the 'Supercup' match against Aston Villa—a total of 2,940,000 customers.

To ensure the big attendances, the club will not permit TV cameras to enter the stadium at all.

Three million paying customers would bring in about \$15 million during the season...

Barcelona base their hopes on the new super-team which has been assembled.

The new star will be Diego Maradona, the Argentinian whiz-kid.

But he will have to really shine to steal the show from the German Bernd Schuster. He has now recovered from his knee ligament operation and has appeared in friendly games—without any apparent after-effects.

In fact, Schuster has declared—contrary to his earlier petulant behaviour—that he would be happy to play for Germany again, if fit. He didn't say 'if selected'; he takes that for granted. Earlier skirmishes with Breitner and Rummenigge have apparently been forgotten.

The first international of Germany this year will be on September 22, against Belgium.

Apart from Maradona and Schuster, Barcelona have an impressive array of talent. The third foreigner is the little Dane, Alan Simonsen. (Only two can play in any Spanish League match.)

Then they have Spanish internationals Olma, Victor, Alesanco, Migueli, Quini and Urruti, all crawling out of their spell of disgrace following their country's dismal World Cup showing.

JUST BRIEFLY

ITALY WILL SOON ISSUE A 1000-LIRA STAMP TO commemorate the country's recent World Cup win in Spain. A luxurious gold coin set will be also minted soon with soccer figures.

VICENTE CALDERON IS BACK AS PRESIDENT OF Atletico Madrid. Last year he resigned over a disagreement with his fellow directors. The club's stadium is named after him...

SEVERAL CZECHOSLOVAK STARS WANT TO LEAVE for Western clubs. These ventures, in all Eastern Bloc countries, are euphemistically referred to as 'seeking experience' with hardly a word about the big money. Those Czechoslovaks waiting for their exit permit include Svehlik (Slovan), Gallis (Zelina), Macela (Dukla Prague)—all just about signed by Belgian clubs—as well as World Cup squad members Nehoda, Bicovsky, Vojacek and Masny.

OTTO GLORIA IS AGAIN MANAGER OF PORTUGAL—AT the age of 65. He was in charge of the national team during the 1966 World Cup finals.

SOUTH KOREA, VENUE FOR THE 1988 OLYMPICS, MAY apply to stage the World Soccer Cup in either 1990 or in 1994.

JEAN-MARIE PFAFF, THE CONTROVERSIAL AND HIGHLY strung Belgian national team goalie—who, after a recent World Cup match, actually pushed his team-mate Gerets off the ambulance stretcher to get priority treatment for a slightly injured shoulder—has signed for Bayern Munchen.

FORMER RUMANIAN ACE SCORER RADUCANU, WHO fled his country a year ago, has served his one year FIFA ban and will now play for the West German club Borussia Dortmund.

ENGLISH MIDFIELDER DAVE JOHNSON HAS JOINED Everton on a free transfer—from where he was signed some years ago by Liverpool. "I don't like these intra-city transfers," said Liverpool manager Bob Paisley, "but as he was free, I guess he could go where he liked."

IN THE LAST MINUTE, THE NEGOTIATED TRANSFER of England winger Peter Barnes to the Spanish Betis club fell through and he will stay with Leeds.

POOR TREVOR FRANCIS...HIS INTRODUCTION TO THE tough world of Italian soccer will come on September 12 when his new club, Sampdoria, will meet Juventus where his marker will be the anything but gentle Gentile...

ONCE AGAIN, THE INTERCONTINENTAL CUP FINAL will be played in Tokyo, on December 12, between Flamengo of Brazil and Aston Villa of England.

FORMER HUNGARIAN STAR ANTAL DUNAI IS THE new coach of the Spanish Betis in the city of Sevilla.

BAYERN MUNICH ARE MAKING THREATENING noises to the German association over the Rummenigge case. They claim that Rummenigge was used in the World Cup not with a mild pulled muscle injury—but with a torn muscle, incorrectly diagnosed by the team doctor.

NAPLES'S SAN PAOLO STADIUM IS IN RUINS—ALmost. Following a recent rock concert there by the Rolling Stones, the playing area has to be returfed and some of the stands rebuilt, at a cost of \$1 million.

THE REGION OF FRIULI WANTS TO NOMINATE THEIR hero, World Cup manager Bearzot, to the Senate. "At last a man," said a local patriot, "who can make other Italians work efficiently..."

POLISH EXODUS: PAWEŁ JANAS TO THE FRENCH FC Auxerre, Marek Kusto to the Belgian FC Beveren with Janusz Kupczewicz and Jozef Mlynarczyk also likely to go west.

THE ARGENTINIAN FA HAS ASKED MANAGER LUIS Cesar Menotti to renew his contract which expires end of December. Menotti is still hoping to get a lucrative offer from a Spanish club.

THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED NOT to keep paying two percent of all Pools revenues to the Football Association, threatening the stability of soccer in that country.

PAOLO ROSSI IS UNHAPPY...THE RECENT WORLD CUP hero has complained to his club Juventus that his salary is too low—lower than that of the two new imports, Platini and Boniek. Rossi, for the two years of his suspension because of the Betting Scandal, was paid by Juventus...

THESE ARE THE CITIES WHERE, FROM JUNE 3 TO June 19, Mexico will stage the World Youth Cup matches next year: Toluca, Puebla, Guadalajara, Leon and Monterrey.

DAVE HODGSON, THE YOUNG ENGLAND TEAM STRIKER, has joined Liverpool from Middlesbrough thus jeopardizing the first team prospects of another former Middlesbrough man—Australian Craig Johnston.

PETER SHILTON, THE NO.1 ENGLAND GOALIE, HAS transferred from Nottingham to Southampton—while Southampton's England captain Kevin Keegan has joined second division Newcastle—on a salary of about \$200,000...

FORMER BRAZILIAN INTERNATIONAL CARLOS ABEL, 30, has gone home from Rio's Botafogo club after several seasons with the French Paris St. Germain.

THE NEW MANAGER OF AUSTRIA IS EXPECTED TO BE former international star Erich Hof. Georg Schmidt who took the team to the World Cup, accepted the post only on a temporary basis and has returned to his fulltime job as national coaching director.

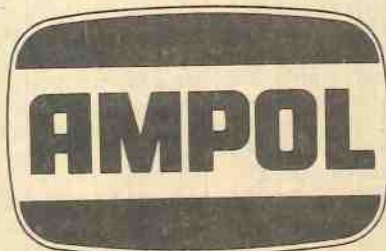
THE AUSTRIAN CLUB VIENNA HAS ABOLISHED ALL high wages for the players. From now on they will get a modest base salary—and all extras will depend on the results and the team's ability to attract crowds.

ANTONI PIECHNICZEK HAS RESIGNED AS MANAGER of Poland. His successor will be former international Eddie Zientara who, some years ago, played in Melbourne.

ALL YUGOSLAV CLUBS HAVE THE TRADITIONAL right to name referees they won't accept for their home matches. The lists must be submitted before the start of the season and cannot be changed. The highest number of vetoes this year came from Vojvodina, rejecting three referees and four match inspectors.

AUSTRIA'S TWO WORLD CUP STARS, PEZZEY AND JARA had joined the national squad from their German clubs, both carrying injuries. Then both were cured and played in the World Cup. Now they were sent a medical bill for \$200 each which, the players claim, should be paid by their German clubs.

IN CASE YOU SEEK LUXURY: THE MOST EXPENSIVE season tickets in Italy are at Fiorentina and AC Torino, \$500 a year. The cheapest—for standing room only—is \$50 at the Napoli stadium.



OVERSEAS...OVERSEAS...OVERSEAS...

Le sensation of the World Cup finals

One of the most unexpected sensations of the World Cup was Frenchman Alain Giresse. Unexpected to almost everybody—except Franz Beckenbauer.

When, after the first few games of the tournament, Beckenbauer was asked to name the star of the series, he said:

"If I could select just one man, I would go for Alain Giresse..."

After the Mundial, many agreed with Beckenbauer's judgment. Who is this "unknown" hero?

Before the World Cup, he wasn't even a regular in Michel Hidalgo's national team. He simply couldn't challenge anybody in the great 'golden triangle' consisting of Platini, Tigana and Larios not to mention two other possibilities, Genghini and Couriol. (Both Tigana and Couriol are colored. Ed.)

Then came the laconic 1-3 defeat against England in which the deep schism between Platini and Larios surfaced again. Platini's wife, it's reported, has been seeing too much of Larios lately—off the field...

So the little Giresse got his chance. Little? Almost tiny: he stands at 163cm and weighs 60kg, a potential jockey.

And then, match after match, Giresse grew into one of the giants of the splendid French side—at the expense of Larios.

Giresse, regrettably, is no young talent—he is exactly 30, having been born on September 2, 1952 at Langoiran. His club is Girondins Bordeaux and he has played 18 times for the national side.

Against Austria he was outstanding, against Germany quite fantastic. Had France reached the final, today he would be ranked alongside such greats as Falcao, Socrates, Conti, Tardelli and Breitner, maestros of the difficult art of midfield play.

Alain Giresse, the brilliant French midfielder, a great partner to Platini and Tigana.



Germans worried about their image

The West German soccer squad, feted by thousands of fans just a few weeks ago on its return from the World Cup, is now on the rack.

The injury-hit West German side went all the way to the final before losing 3-1 to Italy but, as the rejoicing fades, disquiet is growing about some of the less savoury aspects of their performance in Spain.

Fans, officials and the press have re-examined suspicions that the tame 1-0 first round win over Austria, which assured both teams of a place in the second phase, may have been rigged.

Another incident not forgotten has been goalkeeper Toni Schumacher's horrific bodycheck on French substitute Patrick Battiston, who came out of the clash minus three teeth and ended up in hospital, during the semi-final.

As criticism increased, a plainly worried Government asked its embassies whether the squad's behaviour has damaged West Germany's image abroad.

The West German Football Association (DFB) joined in the attack on its own team and even some star players added spice to the controversy by levelling a series of back-biting allegations about each other in the press.

Bonn's Foreign Ministry said, with obvious relief, that reports by its embassies showed no lasting damage to the country's image abroad though West Germany's standing as a soccer power had been tarnished.

Almost from the start, the team was lambasted in Spain for their off-the-pitch behaviour and one Madrid newspaper referred to them as "the ugly Germans".

The West German Interior Ministry has said the players' behaviour would be raised with the DFB.

The DFB said criticism of the team was exaggerated but it admitted mistakes had been made, saying the performance against the Austrians was "far from satisfactory."

That match was particularly embarrassing to fans at home as the plainly effortless 1-0 victory allowed both teams to qualify at the expense of Algeria, shock 2-1 winners over the West Germans in the opening game.

The DFB denied that the match had been fixed but said the lessons both of that game and of the defeat against Algeria would have to be discussed with the players.

THE WORLD CUP AS A LEAGUE TABLE...

Looking at the recent World Cup finals as a League competition, this would be the ranking of the teams. Please note, of course, the uneven number of matches played by the various teams.

1. Italy	7	4	3	0	12	6	11
2. Poland	7	3	3	1	14	5	9
3. Brazil	5	4	0	1	15	6	8
4. England	5	3	2	0	6	1	8
5. France	7	3	2	2	16	12	8
6. Germany	7	3	2	2	12	10	8
7. USSR	5	2	2	1	7	4	6
8. Austria	5	2	1	2	5	4	5
9. Nth. Ireland	5	1	3	1	5	7	5
10. Belgium	5	2	1	2	3	5	5
11. Argentina	5	2	0	3	8	7	4
12. Algeria	3	2	0	1	5	5	4
13. Spain	5	1	2	2	4	5	4
14. Hungary	3	1	1	1	12	6	3
15. Scotland	3	1	1	1	8	8	3
16. Yugoslavia	3	1	1	1	2	2	3
17. Cameroon	3	0	3	0	1	1	3
18. Honduras	3	0	2	1	2	3	2
19. Czechoslovakia	3	0	2	1	2	4	2
20. Peru	3	0	2	1	2	6	2
21. Kuwait	3	0	1	2	2	6	1
22. Chile	3	0	0	3	3	8	0
23. New Zealand	3	0	0	3	2	12	0
24. El Salvador	3	0	0	3	1	13	0

BIG 'NYET' TO YUGO STARS

The Yugoslav Association denies that its decision not to grant international clearances to some players is based on deep disappointment with the national team's Mundial displays.

"All the players who have applied are 28 and, as a rule, we don't have to let them leave the country," a spokesman said last week.

The best known players involved in the unhappy affair are Safet Susic, Vladimir Petrovic, Dusan Savic and Zoran Lukic. All of them spent hours in Spain negotiating their contracts with agents.

Perhaps if they had trained instead...

ALL-TIME WORLD CUP STANDINGS

This is the all-time standing of the top teams in the World Cup since 1930.

Of the first seven placed countries all except Hungary have won the Cup.

Brazil	57	37	10	10	134	62	84
Germany	54	31	11	12	122	78	73
Italy	43	32	9	10	74	46	57
Argentina	34	16	5	13	63	50	37
England	29	13	8	8	40	29	34
Uruguay	29	14	5	10	57	39	33
Hungary	29	14	3	12	85	48	31
Sweden	28	12	6	10	52	49	30
USSR	24	12	5	7	37	25	29
Poland	21	12	4	5	38	22	28
Yugoslavia	28	12	4	12	47	36	28
France	27	11	3	13	59	50	25
Austria	23	11	2	10	38	40	24
Czechoslovakia	25	8	5	12	34	40	21
Spain	23	8	5	10	27	30	21
Holland	16	8	2	5	32	19	19
Chile	21	7	3	11	26	32	17
Switzerland	18	5	2	11	28	44	12
Peru	14	4	3	7	17	27	11
Scotland	14	3	5	6	20	29	11

COLOMBIA IS POOR '86 BET

The odds are lengthening against Colombia staging the 1986 World Cup.

The first noise came from FIFA vice president Harry Cavan. While visiting New York for the recent UNICEF charity match, Cavan told reporters:

"If Colombia loses the right to hold the World Cup, I think the USA is capable of taking over."

Then the more conservative and more authoritative FIFA secretary general, Sepp Blatter chimed in.

"I have doubts about Colombia's ability to handle the intricate transport, security, accommodation and TV arrangements," he said.

"If Colombia withdraws, the USA, Canada, Mexico and Brazil are all likely to apply."

All this is understandable; everybody, even the Colombians have a doubt about the coffee-and-cocaine republic's ability to handle a World Cup.

What is difficult to understand is—how on earth did they get the Cup awarded to them in the first place?

Soccer Owners Find Little to Cheer About in U.S.

From the New York Times

American and foreign businessmen and even multinational corporations have spent millions of dollars trying to increase American interest in the world's most widely played sport: soccer.

All to no avail. More than two billion people worldwide will have watched the World Cup games that end tomorrow in Madrid. But in North America, the number of franchises in the North American Soccer League has been cut almost in half, attendance is sliding and network television, which aided greatly in increasing the popularity of and revenues from baseball and football, remains uninterested by the game.

Franchise owners have all invested millions of dollars in the soccer effort. For example, Bob Bell, a financial commodities broker, said he had spent \$7 million in the San Diego Sockers since 1977, while the Thomas J. Lipton Company has invested \$8 million in the Jacksonville Tea Men in the past five years. Neither has turned a penny of profit. Previously, two English sports promoters, Duncan Hill and his father, Jimmy, poured money into the Washington Diplomats, then disbanded the team.

N.A.S.L. Attendance Down

Ten of N.A.S.L.'s 14 outdoor soccer teams are based in the United States, and all are in the red. Total league franchises, including Canadian participants, are down from a high of 24, reached in 1973. Attendance at N.A.S.L. games this season, which ends in September, currently averages 12,727 spectators a game, compared with last year's average of 14,674, a 13 percent drop.

Despite all the red ink, however, soccer has captured American attention, especially among school-age players. The United States Soccer Federation, the governing body for soccer in this country, expects a 20 percent membership increase, to one million, by the end of the summer, according to Richard Rottkov, a federation spokesman.

Attendance is also growing for indoor soccer games, as the figures for the smallish, four-year-old Major Indoor Soccer League, the continent's other professional soccer group, show. The league's attendance for the 1981-82 season averaged 8,154 spectators a game, a 15 percent increase from the previous season's 7,110 average, despite the economic recession in those months, according to Frank Cuzzi, director of M.I.S.L. Marketing.

But most of the indoor teams are also in the red. Some franchise owners



All that jazz...Trumpeteers at an NASL match. However, the sound is turning sour.

speculate that a league merger is necessary to cut expenses, while others insist that only the indoor version of soccer will be commercially profitable in this country.

In an effort to solve the money problems, the N.A.S.L. appointed Howard Samuels its president late last month. Mr. Samuels, a soccer player while he was studying at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, developed New York's Offtrack Betting Corporation and founded the Kordite Corporation, inventor of Baggies.

Mr. Samuels promptly set out to research and market the sport in the United States. "I took the job, recognizing that the economics have not been good in soccer," he said. "The problem can either be with the product or marketing approach. Since the participation is enormous, we have a product that has the potential of being a major product in the American market, along with football and baseball. The question is how to get there."

"We promote the indoor game, not as soccer, but as a new hot, young and brash sport," added John Buss, who owns the Los Angelesazers, a new team that has joined M.I.S.L. for its 1982-83 season that starts in November.

Despite some skepticism, the N.A.S.L. started including indoor games in its schedule in 1980, hoping

fans could be more easily lured to the outdoor bleachers after first becoming acquainted with the sport's indoor version, said Mathew Levine, president of San Francisco-based Pacific Select Corporation, a marketing consulting concern that specializes in sports.

Further, there is the hope that television will like indoor soccer better than the outdoor version. ABC-TV, which had covered some N.A.S.L. games in 1979 and 1980 and the 1981 N.A.S.L. Soccer Bowl championship game, refused to cover the Soccer Bowl this year because the coverage would not be "economically viable" in terms of the expected audience for the sport, according to a network spokesman.

Financial difficulties have caused both leagues to develop a closer working relationship. Late last month, N.A.S.L. and M.I.S.L. started negotiating the terms of interleague play that, according to many franchise owners and league officials, can be the logical start for an eventual merger.

But the league officers may not get much support in restructuring the sport from the corporations that own teams, because the corporations are more interested in the public relations, merchandising and advertising benefits that accrue to their companies than they are in actively changing the game.



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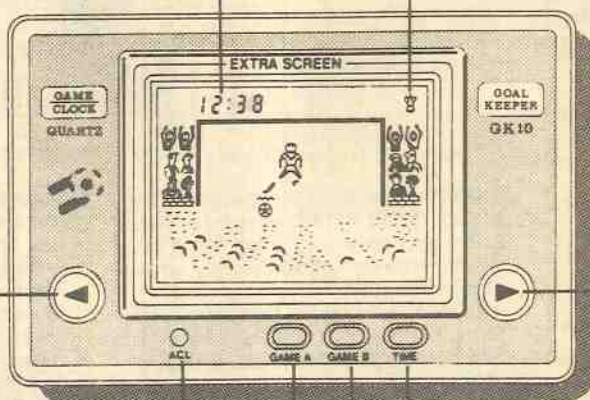
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TOP MANAGERS TALK ON ITALY

Experts—and the world is full of them—are still talking about Italy's World Cup triumph. How and why did the Azzurris succeed, against all odds; what, if anything, can be learned from their win?

Italy has won the World Cup for the third time. It's interesting and perhaps not insignificant that all three wins came in Latin countries: 1934 in Rome, 1938 in Paris and 1982 in Madrid. In all other Europe-based World Cups, in 1954, 1958, 1966 and 1974, the Italians failed...

We have collected a bouquet of views and opinions relating to Italy's win.

The first subject: Can and will Italy's success start a new trend in soccer?

LUIS CESAR MENOTTI, ARGENTINA: "I don't think the Italian tactics can be copied. They have perfected a combination of zonal defence and individual marking. Of course, it's not new—except that the Italians play it better than the others."

JUPP DERWALL, GERMANY: "Bearzot used his side as a club team. I think it was decisive that Bearzot revived the almost forgotten individual marking; this took us by surprise. / Surprise? That's how the Italians beat Argentina and Brazil, too, before the final. A.D.J."

TELE SANTANA, BRAZIL: "The Italian 'school' was always famous for its tactics that they used individual marking even on their opponent's half. But this was modified in Spain: against us Falcao, Zico and Socrates did not have a strict guard—yet somebody always managed to come in with a tackle. We cannot imitate the Italian style, our mentality wouldn't permit it."

MILJAN MILJANIC, YUGOSLAVIA: "Bearzot's team knew everything about defence and attack there is to know. We have seen the birth of a new team, unique in its attributes, capable of immense variations and versatility at the highest possible level."

MICHEL HIDALGO, FRANCE: "Italy deserved its win, they can be regarded as the trend-setters. However, every national team must be shaped according to that country's soccer traditions. Italy's did just that."

BOBBY ROBSON, ENGLAND: "In the past the Italians excelled in defence. This time they triumphed because they attacked better than the others."

The next subject: What was decisive in Italy's World Cup win?

MENOTTI: "Bearzot's greatest achievement was that despite a lot of early criticism, he stuck to his ideas and originally selected players. He never lost his faith in Rossi even after some of his poor earlier games. Italy scored its most crucial win against us which lifted their morale skyhigh."

DERWALL: "They played badly in the first round and the Italian press criticism merely doubled the resolve of the players. Once they beat Argentina, everything clicked."

SANTANA: "Rossi exploited the hesitation of our defenders with total ruthlessness. The most decisive single factor? Perhaps Gentile's tough marking of Maradona..."

MILJANIC: "The Italians have been working on their finely honed tactical elements for years; finally it came off for them."

HIDALGO: "I don't like stubborn coaches—but in Bearzot's case his faith in his standard players was justified. Italy's most important games were against Argentina and Brazil; the rest flowed on."

ROBSON: "The Italians moved around their opponents' half with the same ease and familiarity which they used to be able to do only in front of their own goal."



The brilliant Bruno Conti

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1. Who was Sydney City's first PSL coach back in the 1977 season?
2. What was the previous club of St. George captain Peter Stone?
3. In which European club is Eddie Krncevic playing at the moment?
4. Leichhardt's Colin McAusland joined from which State League club?
5. Olympic's Jimmy Zeros once played for another current PSL club, which one?
6. Steve Hoszowski of Canberra once took legal action against a club over his contract, which?
7. Heidelberg's previous name was Fitzroy—but what was it before that?
8. One of Adelaide City's current players once captained Australia—who?
9. Four of today's West Adelaide team appeared in that club's first ever PSL match back in 1977—can you name them?
10. Branko Buljevic, the classy South Melbourne striker, hails from which country?
11. Canberra City was once coached by a South American—who?
12. Who was the first chairman of the Philips League in 1977?
13. Two former PSL clubs are now defunct as senior soccer clubs—which two?
14. In 1977, a current British international played for an Adelaide club—who?
15. Of the current St. George squad, who is the longest serving player?
16. Trevor Francis recently signed for a Continental club—which one?
17. One of Italy's World Cup winning stars played for the Italian Army team in Australia a few years ago—what is his name?
18. Two World Cup matches this year were played in the Sanchez Pizjuan Stadium—in which city and the property of which club?
19. In which American State is the Cosmos Stadium situated?
20. Who was the manager of France in this year's World Cup finals?

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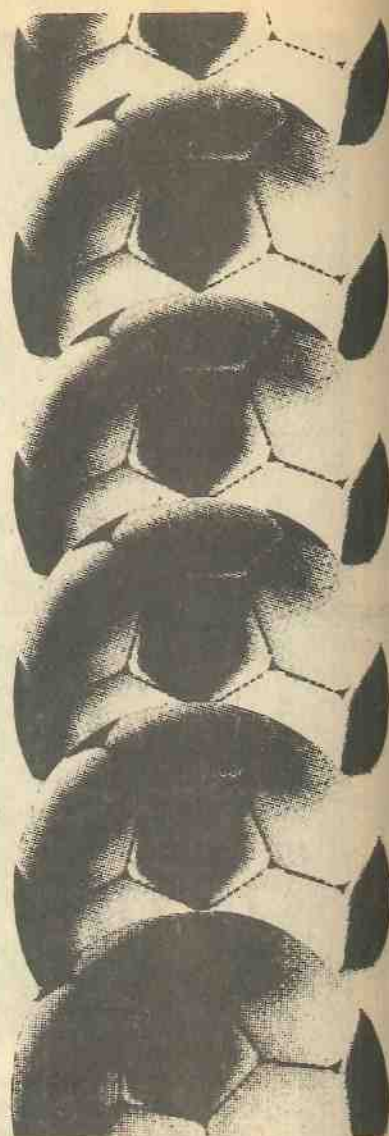


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